

**House Study Bill 70 - Introduced**

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BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON  
HUMAN RESOURCES BILL BY  
CHAIRPERSON MILLER)

**A BILL FOR**

1 An Act relating to certain health-related professions by making  
2 changes to licensure identification and display requirements  
3 and professional title and abbreviation restrictions and  
4 making penalties applicable.

5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 147.7, Code 2013, is amended to read as  
2 follows:

3 **147.7 Display of license.**

4 1. A board ~~may~~ shall require every person licensed by the  
5 board who has a primary site of practice to display the license  
6 and evidence of current renewal publicly in a manner prescribed  
7 by the board.

8 2. ~~This section shall not apply to a~~ A person who is  
9 licensed in another state and recognized for licensure in this  
10 state pursuant to the nurse licensure compact contained in  
11 section 152E.1 or pursuant to the advanced practice registered  
12 nurse compact contained in section 152E.3. ~~A person licensed~~  
13 ~~in another state and recognized for licensure in this state~~  
14 pursuant to either compact who has a primary site of practice  
15 shall, however, maintain display a copy of a license and  
16 evidence of current renewal issued by the person's home state  
17 ~~available for inspection~~ when engaged in the practice of  
18 nursing in this state.

19 Sec. 2. Section 147.72, Code 2013, is amended to read as  
20 follows:

21 **147.72 Professional titles and abbreviations.**

22 1. a. Any person licensed to practice a profession under  
23 this subtitle may append to the person's name any recognized  
24 title or abbreviation, which the person is entitled to use,  
25 to designate the person's particular profession, but no other  
26 person shall assume or use such title or abbreviation, and no  
27 licensee shall advertise in such a manner as to lead the public  
28 to believe that the licensee is engaged in the practice of any  
29 other profession than the one which the licensee is licensed  
30 to practice.

31 b. Any advertisement for services provided by a person  
32 licensed to practice a profession under this subtitle shall  
33 clearly identify the license held by the person advertising or  
34 providing services, consistent with this subtitle.

35 2. A board shall require any person licensed to practice a

1 profession identified under section 147.74, subsection 2, to do  
2 the following when directly engaging a member of the public in  
3 the practice of the person's profession:

4 a. Wear a form of identification consistent with rules  
5 promulgated by each applicable board, unless wearing  
6 identification creates a safety or health risk. The rules  
7 shall establish uniform minimum standards for identification.  
8 Minimum standards shall include prominent display of the  
9 professional title and abbreviation of the licensee as set  
10 forth in section 147.74.

11 b. If wearing identification creates a safety or health  
12 risk, the licensee shall verbally disclose the license the  
13 licensee holds.

14 3. Persons licensed pursuant to section 148.5 shall also  
15 comply with the requirements of subsection 2 of this section  
16 consistent with rules adopted by the board of medicine.

17 4. Failure of a licensee to comply with the requirements  
18 set forth in subsection 2 and the rules adopted thereunder may  
19 constitute a basis for board action against the licensee.

20 Sec. 3. Section 147.74, subsection 21, Code 2013, is amended  
21 to read as follows:

22 21. An advanced registered nurse practitioner licensed  
23 under chapter 152 may use the words "advanced registered nurse  
24 practitioner" or the letters "A.R.N.P." after the person's  
25 name. A registered nurse licensed under chapter 152 may use  
26 the words "registered nurse" or the letters "R.N." after the  
27 person's name. A licensed practical nurse licensed under  
28 chapter 152 may use the words "licensed practical nurse" or the  
29 letters "L.P.N." after the person's name.

30 EXPLANATION

31 This bill makes changes relating to licensure identification  
32 and display and to professional title and abbreviation  
33 restrictions for certain health-related professions.

34 The bill requires that any advertisement for services  
35 provided by a person licensed in a health-related profession

1 clearly identify the license held by the person advertising or  
2 providing services.

3 The bill requires persons licensed in health-related  
4 professions whose professional title and abbreviation  
5 is designated by Code section 147.74 to wear a form of  
6 identification based on standards adopted by each applicable  
7 licensing board. The bill also provides that this requirement  
8 applies to resident physicians licensed under Code section  
9 148.5.

10 The bill also authorizes an advanced registered nurse  
11 practitioner to use the words "advanced registered nurse  
12 practitioner" or the acronym "A.R.N.P.". Current law provides  
13 that a person who fails to properly use the designations  
14 specified in statute is guilty of a simple misdemeanor. A  
15 simple misdemeanor is punishable by confinement for no more  
16 than 30 days or a fine of at least \$65 but not more than \$625  
17 or both.